

2019 Steven D. Stinson Leadership in Natural Resources Scholarship
Award Recipient



Justin Stanley has been selected to receive a \$1,370 scholarship. Justin grew up in Okanogan, a small town in north central Washington. From a young age, Justin was exposed to the outdoors; his grandpa and dad were both in the forestry business for many years and those were his first real experiences in the woods. As he grew older, Justin fell in love with hunting, fishing, camping and realized there was no other place he would rather be than in the outdoors. When he turned sixteen, he got a job on a 3,000-acre ranch outside of Okanogan and this is where he got hands on experiences with rangeland and forestry. Before this job, Justin's plan for higher education was to get a degree in forestry but as he worked on the ranch he saw that range and forestry go hand in hand in a lot of situations so he changed his mind to get a degree in rangeland management. He was also part of an Envirothon team that went to the national competition back to back years. The first year he was a part of this team his specific topic to study was forestry but going into

the second year he was put in charge of the rangeland subject. His last summer before coming to the University of Idaho, Justin got a job at the local Conservation District as a natural resource intern where he helped in many different projects from rangeland monitoring to fire management. These experiences through his teen years have really helped to improve his knowledge of the natural resources in eastern Washington. Currently Justin is attending the University of Idaho, pursuing a degree in rangeland management. He plans to go back to the Conservation District to further increase his knowledge, and help in natural resource projects.